



SMITHSON EXTERIORS

A SMITHSON SOLUTIONS COMPANY

Environmental Policy/Mission Statement

Smithson Exteriors is committed to protecting the environment, the health and safety of our employees, and the community in which we conduct our business. Our policy is to seek continual improvement throughout our business operations to lessen our impact on the local and global environment by conserving energy, water and other natural resources; reducing waste generation; recycling and reducing our use of toxic materials used in the lawn care industry. We are committed to environmental excellence and pollution prevention, meeting or exceeding all environmental regulatory requirements, and to purchasing products which have greater recycled content with lower toxicity and packaging, that reduce the use of natural resources. We are keenly focused on reducing reliance on gas powered equipment considering the negative impact that they have on air and noise pollution.

Preference Purchasing Policy

Preference will be given to purchasing products and services that have the following environmentally friendly attributes with acceptable parameters for price, quality, and delivery:

- Maximizes post-consumer recycled content and minimizes packaging and other wastes.
- Minimizes toxicity.
- Are durable and reusable.
- Are more locally available to minimize transportation.
- Are made from sustainably produced materials.
- Conserves energy, water and other natural resources.

The goal of this policy is to ensure that products and services purchased or contracted for conform to the goals of our company's environmental policy. We will strive, where feasible, to purchase environmentally preferable products and services to meet the company's office and operational needs. We will also favor suppliers who strive to improve their environmental performance, provide environmentally preferable products, and who can document the supply chain impacts of their efforts.

Wherever possible, purchasing decisions will favor products:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Are made with renewable energy.
- Reduce pollution from all discharges (releases to air, water, and land).
- Reduce the use of toxic materials hazardous to the environment, employees and public health.
- Contain the highest possible percentage of post-consumer recycled content.
- Reduce packaging and other waste.
- Are energy efficient.
- Conserve water.
- Are reusable and/or durable.
- Minimize transportation (local sources, concentrated products).
- Serve several functions (examples: copiers/printers, multipurpose cleaners) to reduce the number of products purchased.

Zero Emission Equipment Policy

It is our goal to end our dependence on gas powered lawn maintenance equipment. We are committed to this goal and have adopted a Zero Emission Equipment policy. By December of 2025, our lawn maintenance equipment, including all riding mowers will be full electric battery powered with solar assist charging. This decision comes with the full understanding of the challenges involved. The equipment is more expensive; charging stations for all hand held/riding pieces of equipment must be installed; we must ensure that we can continue to service our clients properties, many of them very large without a decline or interruption of service; engineering a process that guarantees we have the ability and equipment that will last a 10-12 hour workday; just to name a few. We are confident that any challenges are greatly outweighed by the benefits our customers, employees, and the environment will realize. The policy follows a simple path outline below:

- By end of year 2023, all handheld equipment including blowers, trimmers, edgers, pruners, chainsaws, and any other outdoor power equipment needed, will be cordless battery powered. All gas-powered handheld tools will be phased out gradually. We will phase in a commercial battery powered riding zero turn mower during 2023 for field testing.
- By beginning of mowing year 2024 we will replace 35% of our riding mower line with battery powered equipment. We will use 2024 to work through the challenges and use battery powered and gas-powered riding mowers in unison.
- By beginning of mowing year 2025 we will fully replace all existing gas-powered mowers with battery powered mowers.